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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. ESCORTING BILL BROWN DOWNSTAIRS AFTER HIS MARCH 14 CALL ON FEDOSEYEV TO DISCUSS CODEL PRICE, THE NOTETAKER QUERIED BILL ON THE STATUS OF ANTONIO B. WON PAT (D-GUAM). NOTETAKER SAID PERUSAL OF CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTORY DID NOT SHOW HIM AS ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBER. BILL SAID MAYBE NOT BUT AS SOVIETS WERE AWARE CODEL PRICE MIGHT INCLUDE SOME WHO WERE NOT MEMBERS OF THAT COMMITTEE. NOTETAKER RECALLED GUAM NOT A STATE. BILL COUNTERED THAT IT WAS A U.S. TERRITORY. NOTETAKER REMARKED THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF GUAM DID NOT VOTE. BILL SAID THAT IN EVERY OTHER RESPECT HE WAS NEVERTHELESS TREATED AS FULL MEMBER OF THE HOUSE. NOTETAKER SUGGESTED THAT WE "CHECK INTO SITUATION SO AS TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING." IF QUERIED AGAIN WE WILL HOLD FIRM TO THE POSITION THAT REP. PAT SHOULD BE ACCORDED SAME TREATMENT AS ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE HOUSE.

2. TO LEN WILLEMS: IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS WE HAVE EXPERIENCED WEEK-LONG DELAYS IN RECEIPT OF CRITICAL NIV
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AUTHORIZING CABLES RESULTING IN FRANTIC FRIDAY PHONE CALLS FOR TELEPHONIC AUTHORIZATION. C&R HAS TOLD US THAT THIS SITUATION MIGHT CONTINUE FOR A NUMBER OF WEEKS. PLEASE SUGGEST TO VO THAT ALL CRITICAL (I.E., ETD WITHIN ONE WEEK) AUTHORIZING CABLES BE SENT PRIORITY OR IMMEDIATE.

3. RE STATE 64375, PARA 2: WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO

INDICATE THAT MRS. NUREYEV IS ABOUT TO RECEIVE EXIT PERMISSION, AND JUDGING FROM PRESENT SOVIET PERFORMANCE THE REPORT IS MOST PROBABLY FALSE.

4. NOW HAVE YOUR LETTER OF FEB. 13, BUT NOT SUBSEQUENT ONE. IF NEXT ASSIGNMENT IS EFFECTIVE MID-SEPTEMBER, WE SHOULD PLAN DEPARTURE IN EARLY AUGUST, IN ORDER TO ALLOW SOME TIME FOR LEAVE.

5. WE ARE RETRANSMITTING MONDAY'S O-I. WE SUSPECT IT IS A DUPLICATE BUT CANNOT BE SURE FROM THE RECORDS AT THIS END. TOON

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